IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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                and Feature Analysis

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Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants hereby request entry of the following amendments in the above-captioned application:

In the Specification:

Please insert the following paragraph on page 1, line 9 after the paragraph entitled "Field of the Invention":

INCORPORATION OF SEQUENCE LISTING

A paper copy of the Sequence Listing and a computer readable form of the sequence listing on diskette, containing the file named SeqList.txt, which is 11,767 bytes in size (measured in MS-DOS), and which was created on March 20, 2001, are herein incorporated by reference.

On page 56, line 42, delete "(SEQ. ID. NO. 2)"

On page 56, before the paragraph beginning on line 44, please insert the following:

--The above predicted translation is represented by the following sequentially ordered sequences: x-(SEQ. ID. NO. 2) -x-(SEQ. ID. NO. 3) -x- (SEQ. ID. NO. 4)-xLx-(SEQ. ID.